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Technology Center 2100

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 22, 2003 (Paper No. 6), with a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on August 22, 2003, please reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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